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REMARKS

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Between noon and 5 p.m. on 26 August 1953, exercises by Soviet Army troops with the cooperation of the air force were held west of Beeskow. Repeatedly, aircraft with a white inscription on the fuselage and a red marking on the rudder assembly made dives at the practice area. Between the individual dives, the aircraft flew curves at a distance from the field. Gunfire was heard from the practice area.¹ Between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. on 28 August, source observed that a twin-engine aircraft towed a sleeve target which was fired at by other propeller-driven aircraft.²

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1. Comment. A tank exercise by the 7th Gds Mecz Div was held in the Beeskow area on 26 August 1953. Another usually reliable source observed that the aircraft of a fighter regiment from Finow were involved in the exercise.

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2. Comment. Firing at towed sleeve targets was possibly conducted by aircraft stationed at Brand airfield. Some propeller-driven training aircraft are assigned to the individual fighter regiments and are utilized in the training of young pilots.

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